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Nevertheless I still do not believe, any more than I did at the time that the rape of Austria in the form which it finally took place and on the date which it occurred was definitely premeditated. Hitler would have preferred to incorporate his native Austria into Germany by what he regarded as peaceful means. However clear in his mind, he may have been as to his ultimate ends, the decision as to the men for achieving them always depended upon the development of events, and was never taken till last moment. .....

.....Herr von Ribbentrop was at the time in London, whither he had proceeded to present his letters of recall - another fairly evident proof of the unpremeditated moment for the "rape". As Minister for Foreign Affairs he would never have absented himself from Berlin at that moment if he could have anticipated it, and he, in fact, endeavoured to return immediately, but was told to remain where he was.

I hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original text.

v. Ludinghausen

s. Dr. Freiherr von Luedinghausen

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